

# Birdseye, "Hutch" back in training

TWO former Wycombe Wanderers have returned to the club recently. Paul Birdseye, who left last season to become player-manager with Hellenic Leaguers Hungerford Town, has relinquished the job and is back in training. He may well come into the side tonight (Tuesday) when the Blues entertain Maidenhead United at Loakes Park (writes **Stuart Earp**)

The Premier Midweek Floodlight League match was hastily arranged as a replacement for the scheduled Leatherhead visit as the "Tanners" drew 1-1 in the F.A. Cup at Ilford on Saturday and stage the replay tonight.

The other player back with Wycombe is crowd favourite Johnny Hutchinson. "Hutch" also left last term for a long trip to Spain but he is now back in training and will soon, no doubt, be bidding for his old place in midfield.

Birdseye will probably revert

back to his full back role after experimenting with midfield last year. Internationals Derek Gamblin and Roger Grant will be the men he is competing with.

Two players from Saturday's team will definitely miss the match tonight — Larry Pritchard and Steve Perrin. Pritchard is on England duty on Friday against Northern Ireland at Maine Road, Manchester and Perrin has a bad gash on his shin.

Dave Woodbridge, who played for Wycombe United in the Band B Intermediate Cup on Saturday is still with the squad and may well get a game.

Maidenhead, in midtable in the Rothmans Isthmian League Division Two, have scored only eight goals in their seven league outings, with seven conceded.

They are managed by ex-Marlow boss Mike Hall and included in their team is Gerry Olson who was with Wanderers for half of last season. Another ex-Wycombe man is Vince Faulkner while Ron Seary, Dave Woolley and Matthew Watt are all former Marlow.

The opponents in the next round of the Cup Chatham, are something of an unknown quantity to Wanderers. On Saturday they won 4-2 at Fleet Town, last year's Hampshire League runners up, although two Fleet men were sent off and two from Chatham booked.

Chatham are the Kent League champions and their form this season suggests the semi-professionals could be quite a handful for the Blues. Their league record reads P7, W5, D1, L1, F23, A9. In their last four outings they have rapped in 13 goals, including an 8-2 triumph over Ramsgate.

They have a close relationship with fourth division Gillingham and several of their old players are in the Chatham side. Managed by Jim Boswell, it is the first time they have reached the third qualifying round of the Cup. In the first round they beat Spartan League outfit Molesey.

It's "Chesham Week" at MARLOW this week. Tonight (Tuesday) the first teams do battle in the opening fixture at

home in Premier Mid-Week Floodlight League. Then the Reserves now being managed by Bob Shepherd, get their chance on Thursday night in Middlesex Border League.

For the game to-night manager Dave Wigley makes a lot of changes from the team that promised to bring off the first "double" of the season until the weather took a hand and the match was abandoned because of a waterlogged pitch.

His line up will be: Dobner; Dickinson, Eyres; Wilkins, Stone, Reid; Palmer, Page, Hill, Sewell, Harrison, Subs: McKeown and Shiel.

Chesham will field: Parkin; Downard, Summerling; Mitchell, Peck, Taylor; Beavan, Gregory, Cameron, Grimmond, Waller. Subs: Sewell and Walker.

WYCOMBE Wanderers are holding a disco at the clubhouse on Saturday, featuring the Sigma Disco, starting at 8 p.m. Tickets will be on sale today (Tuesday) and at the door.



**PAUL BIRDSEYE**  
... rejoined



**GERRY OLSON**  
... ex-Wycombe